Legislation for agricultural labourers

972. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR.T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) whether being upset over Government's failure to enact a Central legislation for agricultural labourers despite several promises, many organisations have decided to launch a nation-wide agitation on the 7tn November, 2002;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in introducing the Central legislation on agricultural labourers;

(c) whether this delay caused a great resentment among the agricultural labourers; and

(d) if so, by when, this legislation would be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR {SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Labour has not received such information. As there are divergent views of the State Governments in the matterof enactment of Central legislation for agricultural workers, therefore such a proposal could not be processed furhter. In view of this, it is difficult to indicate a time-frame in this regard.

Unemployment Allowance for educated unemployed youth

973. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

{a) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government to tackle the problem of growing number of unemployed youths in the country;

(b) whether Government are considering to give "unemployment allowance" to all the educated unemployed youths registered with the Employment Exchanges in the country;

(c) if so, by when it would be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The Ninth Plan had accorded priority to